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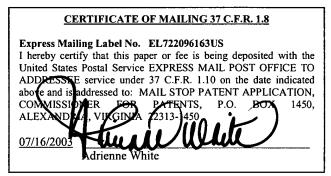
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

This application is continued from pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/910,515, filed July 19, 2001, now allowed. The Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to the examination of the above-referenced continuation application this Preliminary Amendment entered.

The Applicants' Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

The Applicants' Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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